

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 ACCRA 00596 311801Z

66

ACTION AID-20

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 IO-14 AGR-20 PA-04 PRS-01 USIA-15

TRSE-00 RSC-01 DRC-01 /087 W  
----- 022658

R 311153Z JAN 74

FM AMEMBASSY ACCRA

TO USINFO WASHDC

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 2404

UNCLAS ACCRA 0596

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: UN OFFICIAL RENEWS APPEAL FOR DROUGHT AID IN SAHEL

DEP PASS AID WASHDC

FOR IDS AFRICA COVERAGE DESK PASS IPS/PA

1. DR. ADDEKE H. BOERMA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO), SAID IN ACCRA WEDNESDAY THAT CONDITIONS IN SOME OF THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN SAHELIAN COUNTRIES ARE WORSE THAN THEY WERE LAST YEAR AND THAT FOUR COUNTRIES IN THAT REGION -- NIGER, MALI, CHAD AND MAURITANIA -- ARE VULNERABLE TO DISASTER.
  2. ADDRESSING A WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRESS CONFERENCE HERE, DR. BOERMA RENEWED AN APPEAL MADE LAST YEAR FOR 30 MILLION DOLLARS TO BE USED IN SHORT-TERM RECOVERY PROJECTS.
  3. ALTHOUGH DR. BOERMA DID NOT REFER TO THE U.S. ROLE IN HIS PREPARED STATEMENT, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY A USIS CORRESPONDENT, THE FAO OFFICIAL SAID THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "THE MOST MAGNANIMOUS DONOR NATION," HAD ALREADY COMMITTED ITSELF TO CONTRIBUTE HALF OF THE 30-MILLION-DOLLAR FAO REQUEST FOR SHORT RANGE RELIEF FINANCING.
  4. HE SAID THE U.S. HAD ALSO AGREED TO PROVIDE HALF OF THIS YEAR'S ESTIMATED 500,000-TON FOOD GRAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SAHEL
- UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 ACCRA 00596 311801Z

NATIONS.

5. WHILE PRAISING EFFORTS BY DONOR NATIONS, DR. BOERMA NOTED THAT RESPONSE TO THE \$30 MILLION APPEAL MADE LAST YEAR HAD BEEN SLOW. "UNDERSTANDABLY," HE SAID, "MANY COUNTRIES ARE PREOCCUPIED WITH THEIR OWN PROBLEMS. BUT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THE SAHELIAN ZONE WITH MORE THAN EXPENSIVE AND REPEATED FOOD SHIPMENTS".

6. DR. BOERMA, WHO IS ON AN 11-NATION WEST AFRICAN TOUR, TALKED TO LOCAL NEWSMEN AFTER MEETING WITH OFFICERS OF THE FAO, THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WORKING IN THE SAHELIAN COUNTRIES.

7. THE UN OFFICIAL SAID THE FAO HAD PREPARED A SHIPPING PATTERN AIMED AT A SWIFT AND EVEN FLOW OF FOOD STOCKS TO AVOID THE SITUATION LAST YEAR WHEN AIRLIFTS ALONE COST MORE THAN \$40 MILLION. ITEM

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** DISASTER RELIEF, GRAINS, DROUGHTS, PRESS CONFERENCES, DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, FOODS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 31 JAN 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974ACCRA00596  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** ACCRA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t1974014/aaaaacuf.tel  
**Line Count:** 78  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ACTION AID  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** WorrelSW  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 OCT 2001  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <05-Oct-2001 by daviscw>; APPROVED <25 NOV 2002 by WorrelSW>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** UN OFFICIAL RENEWS APPEAL FOR DROUGHT AID IN SAHEL DEP PASS AID WASHDC  
**TAGS:** EAID, GH, FAO, (BOERMA, A H)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005